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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: ROTH et al.

Group Art Unit: 3733

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Examiner: James L. Swiger III

For: BONE FIXATION SYSTEM

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action mailed September 7, 2006, and within three months of the June 15, 2006 mailing of a final Office Action in the above-identified application, applicants request entry of the following amendments and remarks into the record as follows:

**Amendments** to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 7.